

Amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A method of decreasing atherosclerosis comprising administering to a human or an animal in need thereof an amount of a substance selected from the group consisting of leuprolide acetate, goserelin acetate, flutamide, bicalutamide, and nilutamide, which is an inhibitor of the release of LHRH or GnRH resulting in decreased levels of LH.